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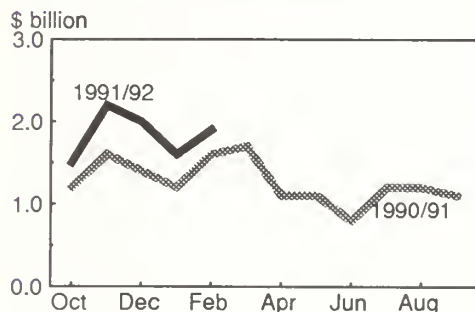
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

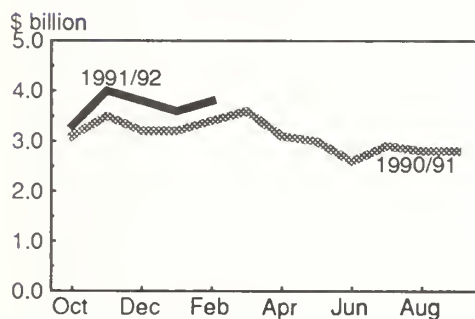
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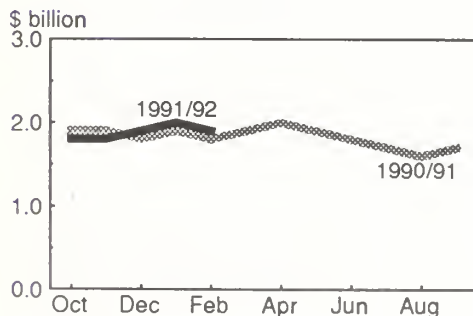
Trade Surplus



Exports



Imports



Trade Surplus Rises - The U.S. agricultural trade surplus rebounded in February, rising \$300 million to \$1.9 billion, largely because of increased exports. Cumulatively, the trade surplus during the first 5 months of fiscal 1992 exceeded \$9 billion, the highest for any 5 month period since the first half of the 1980's. Compared with October-February of fiscal 1991, 1992's surplus rose \$2 billion (table 3, p.7).

Exports Gain - The value of U.S. agricultural exports rose almost \$200 million in February to \$3.8 billion as corn (+\$105 million) and soybean (+\$108 million) exports increased. Shipments of wheat and cotton fell in February. With nearly half of fiscal 1992 completed, year-to-date exports were \$2.4 billion above year-earlier levels, at \$18.9 billion. Wheat and soybeans accounted for most of the increase. Exports of corn and cotton were lower.

U.S. *soybean* exports rose 458,000 tons in February, mostly because of increased shipments to Mexico and the former Soviet Union. Shipments were also larger to Japan, the European Community, and Taiwan. Soybean exports rose seasonally in February, entering their period of peak shipments. At \$548 million, soybeans were by far the largest single export for U.S. agriculture in February, and were also the largest cumulative export during October-February, totaling \$2.4 billion, \$710 million above a year earlier. Drought-reduced Brazilian production during 1991 has helped the U.S. to increase its exports in 1992. The volume of fiscal 1992's October-February exports was the strongest since 1988.

Wheat exports fell \$32 million in February, largely because of reduced exports to the former Soviet Union. However, at \$397 million, wheat remained the second largest export. Although the United States increased its exports to China and South Korea, the former Soviet Union was the largest customer, with shipments totaling 832,000 tons. Other major customers included Egypt, Japan, Pakistan, and the Philippines.

Corn exports rose \$405 million during February, to \$390 million. Corn exports

rose to the former USSR, but most of the increase stemmed from higher exports to Japan. Although higher compared with January, February's corn exports were down from a year earlier.

Sorghum exports reached a record 1.1 million tons in February, largely because of increased exports to Mexico. Mexico imported 677,000 tons of U.S. sorghum during February, compared with 584,000 tons in January. October 1985 was the last time sorghum exports exceeded 900,000 tons in one month.

Cotton exports fell for the first time this fiscal year in February, but remained strong compared with last summer's poor performance. Cotton exports fell \$50 million to \$241 million as both the volume of shipments and export prices dropped. The average per ton value of exported cotton fell for the third consecutive month as falling domestic prices affected export prices.

Import Pace Slows - Imports fell as meat, coffee, and fruit and vegetable imports, among others, declined. Most of these declines followed typical seasonal patterns except fruits and vegetables. Heavy rains have reduced Mexico's winter vegetable production and exports this year. February 1992's imports were down from a month earlier and from a year earlier. However, the 5-month cumulative total was up \$321 million, and, at \$9.8 billion, was the highest ever for this part of the fiscal year. (Stephen MacDonald, 202-219-0822)

U.S. High-value Products Increase Market Share

- The U.S. has been increasingly competitive in world trade in high-value products (HVP) in recent years. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) data show the U.S. gaining a larger share of world HVP exports in 1988, 1989, and 1990 (table 4, p. 7). FAO data show the U.S. share of world HVP exports reaching 10 percent in 1990, its highest since 1981. In contrast, between 1981 and 1986, the U.S. share of world HVP exports fell from its highest ever to one of its lowest ever.

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	16,461,396	18,853,514	--	--	3,490,909	3,858,670
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	2,880,933	3,213,798	--	--	575,162	626,243
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	274,741	314,829	--	--	30,211	38,333
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	65	162	46,977	95,856	16	34	10,965	21,295
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	32	36	202,586	186,183	7	6	13,692	12,623
Swine - live (NO)	58	116	7,474	10,422	25	5	2,292	800
Sheep, live (NO)	244	368	7,972	10,455	53	62	1,555	1,769
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	9,732	11,913	--	--	1,707	1,846
Meat and meat prods, excl poultry (MT)	388	457	1,183,592	1,303,599	85	94	264,284	274,041
Beef and veal (MT)	158	184	742,267	784,175	34	36	167,776	168,595
Beef and veal, fresh or frozen (MT)	154	179	728,315	766,737	33	35	165,412	165,207
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	4	5	13,952	17,438	1	1	2,364	3,388
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	25	20	71,664	59,806	5	4	15,230	11,032
Lamb, mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz (MT)	2	2	4,822	5,377	0	0	762	1,033
Pork (MT)	38	51	144,673	164,745	8	11	30,517	35,060
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	31	42	125,645	142,840	7	9	26,671	30,843
Pork - prepared or preserved (MT)	7	8	19,028	21,905	2	2	3,847	4,217
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	119	136	177,593	235,560	26	27	41,023	47,974
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	48	65	42,572	53,935	11	16	8,977	10,348
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	402,187	509,521	--	--	81,389	89,802
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	40,505	46,646	--	--	7,626	8,297
Baby chicks (NO)	20,091	18,133	35,085	37,183	3,527	3,233	6,506	6,262
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	5,420	9,462	--	--	1,120	2,035
Poultry meats (MT)	271	332	298,911	391,581	48	57	60,499	68,138
Chickens - fresh or frozen (MT)	235	281	235,373	297,633	41	48	46,513	49,843
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	14	28	21,085	42,659	3	5	4,458	8,741
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	6	7	7,643	6,571	2	1	2,274	1,469
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	16	16	34,810	44,718	3	3	7,254	8,085
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	1	8,590	8,953	0	0	2,032	1,424
Eggs, whole and products (NA)	--	--	54,182	62,341	--	--	11,232	11,943
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	93,595	232,750	--	--	21,057	58,120
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	1	2	1,992	1,195	0	0	227	384
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	2	57	3,148	87,088	0	18	494	28,902
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	4	13	5,950	18,945	1	0	1,901	321
Cheese (MT)	5	6	15,523	17,675	1	1	3,133	3,495
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	23,067	23,989	--	--	5,672	5,652
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	44,915	83,859	--	--	9,630	19,367
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	423	538	154,540	192,827	69	81	27,677	29,287
Lard (MT)	25	31	11,762	13,600	5	5	2,539	2,276
Tallow - inedible (MT)	319	369	106,679	120,929	48	52	17,083	16,513
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	79	138	36,099	58,298	16	25	8,054	10,498
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	650,116	540,086	--	--	130,331	114,004
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	9,564	8,333	545,345	437,248	1,879	1,462	102,230	80,582
Other bovine hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	8,625	8,237	--	--	1,804	1,477
Calf skins, whole (PC)	496	705	6,245	11,580	128	176	1,710	3,002
Horse hides, whole (PC)	340	132	11,590	13,431	141	28	3,511	7,782
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	1,452	2,070	9,050	13,984	257	510	1,772	3,399
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	35,211	25,306	--	--	2,978	5,097
Furskins (NA)	--	--	34,051	40,300	--	--	16,325	19,666
Mink pelts (NO)	1,463	1,260	23,290	22,342	671	722	12,404	14,098
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	10,761	17,959	--	--	3,921	5,568
Wool and mohair (MT)	3	3	7,962	10,284	1	1	1,615	2,286
Sausage casings (MT)	7	8	14,913	16,441	1	1	2,737	3,365
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	20,494	16,281	--	--	2,721	2,883
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	78,792	77,180	--	--	13,141	14,121
Grains and feeds (MT)	39,582	44,809	5,049,712	5,933,946	9,223	9,045	1,133,266	1,243,489
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	10,207	16,865	1,105,988	1,942,355	2,485	3,133	236,139	396,776
Wheat flour (MT)	347	291	67,227	55,820	75	108	14,125	19,078
Bulgur wheat (MT)	6	5	970	791	1	3	194	551
Other wheat products (MT)	12	15	12,237	14,815	3	3	3,207	3,158
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	1,223	987	352,217	327,226	228	131	67,858	47,457
Feed grains and prods (MT)	22,560	21,146	2,447,000	2,402,109	5,410	4,548	599,681	529,356
Feed grains (MT)	22,357	20,981	2,394,084	2,354,365	5,344	4,513	585,347	518,945
Barley (MT)	910	1,146	91,015	114,609	24	113	2,014	11,776
Corn (MT)	18,922	16,342	2,038,196	1,850,079	4,644	3,348	510,053	389,584
Grain sorghums (MT)	2,519	3,489	264,230	389,104	676	1,051	73,228	117,486
Oats (MT)	3	4	398	567	0	1	47	99
Rye (MT)	3	0	245	6	0	0	6	0
Feed grain prods (MT)	203	165	52,916	47,744	66	35	14,334	10,411
Popcorn (MT)	33	41	18,353	22,255	7	9	3,690	4,898
Blended food prods (MT)	93	101	26,792	29,953	16	27	4,724	7,876
Other grain prods (MT)	249	475	211,692	267,086	44	85	40,464	53,161
Feeds & fodders, excl oilcake (MT)	4,852	4,884	807,236	871,538	954	998	163,184	181,177
Corn by-products (MT)	2,667	2,459	372,090	361,654	542	462	76,268	70,552
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	219	249	35,803	34,399	41	47	6,736	6,367
Beet pulp (MT)	269	381	29,618	46,422	55	82	5,907	9,772
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	285	303	34,038	38,096	65	106	9,105	13,922
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	1,411	1,492	335,685	390,966	252	302	65,168	80,564
Fruits and preps, excl juice (MT)	1,051	1,187	833,713	952,524	179	245	145,941	181,120
Fruits - fresh (MT)	864	996	600,985	694,575	141	210	99,371	132,811
Fruits - fresh, citrus (MT)	420	464	259,939	293,347	92	140	61,388	80,877
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	234	255	132,590	140,968	67	81	40,904	45,629
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	56	59	44,729	55,243	7	11	7,265	8,406
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	130	150	82,241	96,697	18	48	13,110	26,722
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	0	0	379	440	0	0	108	120

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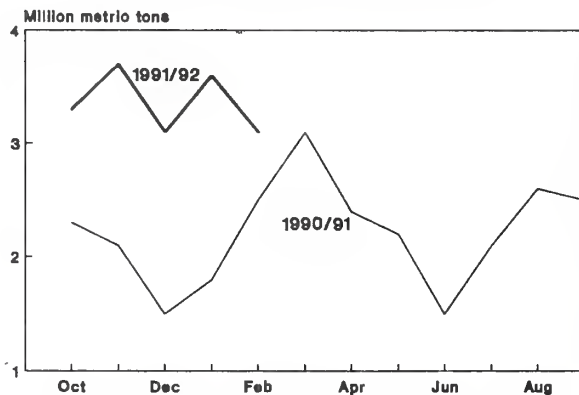
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Fruits - fresh, noncitrus (MT)	443	532	341,046	401,228	49	70	37,983	51,934
Apples - fresh (MT)	218	295	132,453	181,142	30	49	18,988	30,665
Berries - fresh (MT)	12	13	22,868	25,593	2	2	3,987	4,449
Cherries - fresh (MT)	2	0	2,104	934	0	0	256	71
Grapes - fresh (MT)	93	102	97,170	105,335	2	2	2,520	2,157
Melons - fresh (MT)	24	20	15,017	12,759	4	2	2,280	1,744
Peaches - fresh (MT)	4	5	3,918	3,797	1	1	1,129	904
Pears - fresh (MT)	63	72	35,759	41,258	6	9	3,931	5,437
Plums - fresh (MT)	6	5	6,113	4,703	1	0	581	447
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	21	19	25,643	25,706	3	4	4,312	6,060
Fruits - dried (MT)	111	101	146,118	148,255	22	19	29,482	27,910
Raisins - dried (MT)	59	50	77,240	73,034	12	9	16,414	12,615
Prunes - dried (MT)	46	43	56,433	60,259	9	9	10,144	12,807
Other dried fruits (MT)	6	7	12,445	14,963	1	1	2,924	2,489
Fruits - canned excl juice (MT)	38	53	39,744	56,391	8	10	7,710	10,618
Fruits - froz excl juice (MT)	16	9	14,254	12,681	3	2	2,375	2,342
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	23	28	32,612	40,621	5	5	7,003	7,439
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	2,403	2,908	129,002	157,091	471	560	25,160	31,693
Apple juice (HL)	243	273	16,058	19,978	48	45	3,304	3,306
Grape juice (HL)	206	293	13,442	17,854	46	67	3,309	4,121
Grapefruit juice (HL)	195	296	12,515	18,441	29	80	1,846	5,075
Orange juice (HL)	1,376	1,471	67,997	72,994	265	275	12,713	14,736
Other fruit juices (HL)	383	574	18,989	27,824	83	93	3,988	4,455
Wine (HL)	385	421	51,556	56,601	72	89	9,649	11,121
Nuts and preparations (MT)	271	316	494,065	607,852	35	53	71,723	105,962
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	95	94	257,708	301,276	17	19	46,100	63,570
Filberts, hazelnuts (MT)	4	5	7,139	8,626	0	0	387	616
Peanuts, shelled or prepared (MT)	103	133	74,042	99,059	14	25	12,093	15,974
Pistachios (MT)	5	7	19,081	32,082	1	2	2,562	8,804
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	51	61	102,112	121,817	1	3	3,626	7,919
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	5	5	15,627	18,723	2	2	5,309	6,521
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	8	11	18,356	26,269	1	1	1,646	2,557
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,092,679	1,159,071	--	--	202,975	233,737
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	561	593	312,521	322,953	109	118	62,385	68,431
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	3	3	10,426	10,922	2	2	6,433	7,135
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	37	42	23,596	25,780	10	10	5,218	4,420
Carrots - fresh (MT)	16	16	7,135	7,692	5	4	1,994	1,994
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	10	12	3,993	4,563	4	3	1,288	1,128
Celery - fresh (MT)	47	53	18,120	15,686	9	11	3,836	3,121
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	26	33	18,406	22,535	6	8	4,021	4,196
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	4	5	1,709	2,559	1	1	322	465
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	16	15	6,400	6,664	2	2	949	1,224
Garlic - fresh (MT)	4	4	5,921	5,691	0	0	406	590
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	135	141	63,193	58,706	30	27	11,908	8,719
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	4	3	13,084	8,547	1	1	1,194	1,168
Onions and shallots - fresh (MT)	88	77	27,314	23,838	10	9	3,561	3,154
Peppers - fresh (MT)	31	35	18,465	19,333	5	11	2,860	4,918
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	25	32	10,604	10,345	7	8	3,048	2,436
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	58	57	38,024	48,301	9	10	7,118	14,628
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	58	65	46,131	51,790	10	12	8,229	9,136
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	120	137	98,394	108,984	23	29	18,713	22,584
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	24	26	20,349	20,448	5	5	4,069	3,855
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	67	80	50,397	57,418	13	17	9,619	12,298
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	29	31	27,649	31,119	5	7	5,025	6,430
Vegetables - canned (MT)	105	108	96,023	91,552	20	24	17,983	20,501
Pulses (MT)	383	284	201,715	123,119	48	36	24,107	16,552
Dried beans (MT)	325	223	174,582	101,129	38	25	19,088	12,815
Dried peas (MT)	38	46	16,395	14,289	8	8	3,634	2,489
Dried lentils (MT)	21	15	10,737	7,701	2	2	1,386	1,049
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	4	6	31,425	50,027	1	1	4,845	9,397
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	352,601	462,435	--	--	74,942	96,472
Oilseeds and products (MT)	10,254	15,047	2,584,624	3,693,201	2,515	3,320	613,336	805,384
Oilcake and meal (MT)	2,278	3,131	463,606	671,103	590	636	118,528	131,354
Corn oilcake and meal (MT)	102	234	11,778	31,292	19	44	2,186	5,668
Soybean meal (MT)	2,137	2,825	445,792	630,830	567	579	115,430	123,666
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	39	72	6,036	8,981	4	14	912	2,019
Oilseeds (MT)	7,603	11,282	1,849,041	2,637,550	1,855	2,517	443,213	575,718
Rapeseed (MT)	5	13	1,393	3,602	1	1	263	318
Safflower seeds (MT)	29	16	8,644	4,560	18	4	4,528	1,136
Soybeans (MT)	7,406	10,884	1,706,835	2,417,284	1,806	2,465	411,725	547,697
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	50	61	28,271	27,995	7	6	4,553	4,293
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	29	45	19,709	27,228	3	5	2,398	2,991
Other oilseeds (MT)	44	182	17,186	43,871	11	29	4,902	7,383
Protein substances (MT)	40	80	67,002	113,010	9	6	14,844	11,901
Vegetable oils (MT)	373	635	271,978	384,548	70	167	51,594	98,312
Soybean oil (MT)	82	294	53,950	137,017	5	78	3,832	36,648
Cottonseed oil (MT)	38	81	19,881	36,761	5	32	3,325	15,054
Sunflower oil (MT)	86	43	45,129	23,225	25	8	12,941	4,086
Corn oil (MT)	99	106	67,637	74,505	22	26	15,031	19,440
Peanut oil (MT)	2	22	1,812	15,036	0	6	404	3,848
Rapeseed oil (MT)	3	3	1,962	1,708	0	0	237	231
Safflower oil (MT)	7	11	7,612	10,124	0	3	315	2,657
Other veg oils and waxes (MT)	57	76	73,996	86,172	11	14	15,511	16,348
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	110	104	695,413	622,173	17	21	98,818	121,942
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	11	14	72,842	97,727	3	5	18,749	37,888
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	78	69	524,079	454,818	8	10	58,955	71,073
Other tobacco - unmf (MT)	21	20	98,492	69,628	6	5	21,114	12,981

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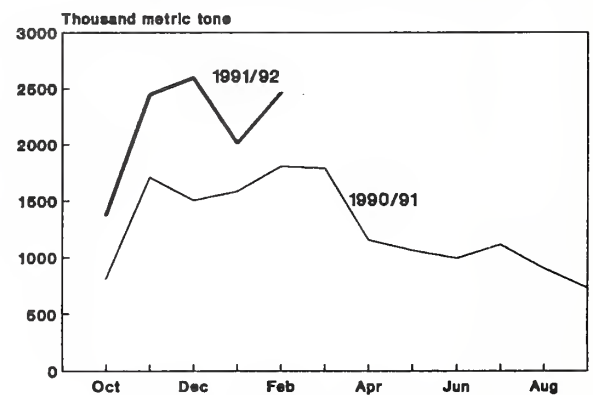
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Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	841	709	1,414,079	1,092,769	219	164	361,529	239,508
Cotton linters (MT)	14	11	6,019	4,364	2	3	767	1,093
Essential oils (MT)	5	6	81,391	79,133	1	1	21,319	18,327
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	230	362	338,153	389,579	55	129	72,391	75,738
Sugar and tropical products (NA)	--	--	410,083	404,296	--	--	75,155	76,119
Sugar and related prods (NA)	--	--	213,406	165,740	--	--	37,721	32,084
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	248	175	95,313	58,134	58	29	19,207	9,778
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	118,093	107,607	--	--	18,514	22,305
Coffee (MT)	7	10	38,552	46,449	1	2	7,608	9,250
Cocoa (MT)	10	9	23,990	20,991	1	2	2,270	3,703
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	24	32	83,672	110,310	5	6	14,912	18,721
Tea and mate ¹ (MT)	4	6	17,956	29,664	1	1	4,601	5,553
Spices (MT)	6	6	16,384	16,551	2	2	4,073	3,630
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	8	7	14,706	12,037	2	1	3,773	2,586
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	2	4	1,418	2,553	0	1	198	592
Other misc veg products (MT)	14	14	128,706	143,436	2	3	17,491	21,423
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	80,354	87,249	--	--	19,875	20,916
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	190,914	256,430	--	--	46,354	44,857
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	6,307,187	5,276,860	--	--	1,333,396	1,286,251
Fertilizers (MT)	--	--	1,238,170	1,177,521	--	--	258,676	221,118
Nitrogen (MT)	--	--	1,227,287	1,163,922	--	--	257,071	218,444
Phosphate (MT)	--	--	10,883	13,599	--	--	1,605	2,675
Fish and shellfish (MT)	281	401	1,038,486	1,100,661	82	108	312,952	451,151
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	201	170	589,715	585,977	59	69	206,180	266,012
Shellfish (MT)	66	80	392,765	461,815	20	34	93,809	164,541
Other fish products (MT)	14	151	56,006	52,869	3	5	12,963	20,598
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	88	80	538,879	508,099	21	21	125,572	119,428
Fungicides (MT)	9	11	85,489	87,845	2	3	17,563	21,213
Herbicides (MT)	26	21	203,241	168,370	6	7	46,217	52,034
Insecticides (MT)	23	22	94,970	106,808	6	5	22,639	20,645
Other pesticides (MT)	30	26	155,179	145,076	6	6	39,153	25,537
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	736,459	811,871	--	--	141,671	177,442
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	10	10	227,499	270,793	2	3	40,223	60,316
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	508,959	541,078	--	--	101,448	117,127
Tobacco - manufactures (NA)	--	--	2,755,193	1,678,708	--	--	494,526	317,111

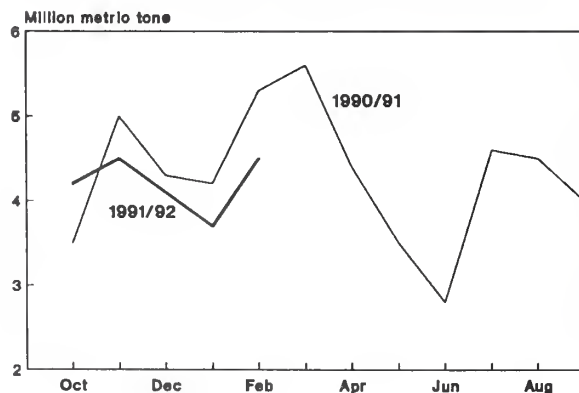
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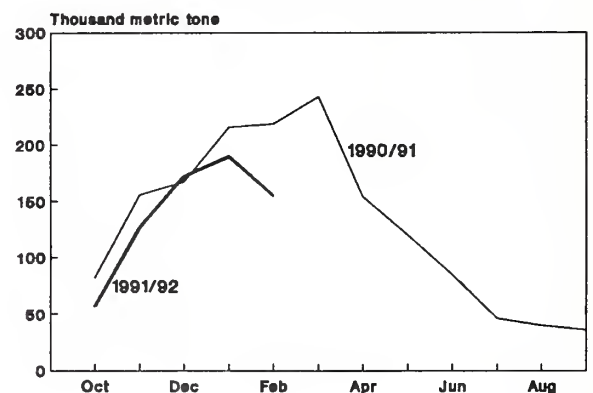


Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	9,433,398	9,753,200	--	--	1,869,201	1,937,558
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	2,316,663	2,516,437	--	--	468,926	482,939
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,352	1,432	388,208	414,923	276	282	79,043	85,185
Coffee, incl products (MT)	519	573	838,573	845,626	120	119	190,458	172,916
Cocoa and products (MT)	279	368	433,224	545,757	53	66	80,481	94,694
Tea (MT)	37	44	58,092	62,571	8	11	11,234	13,600
Spices (MT)	48	58	111,397	118,443	9	9	20,502	15,267
Rubber & allied gums, crude (MT)	332	375	278,262	303,498	56	77	46,836	60,378
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	2,145	2,284	0	0	508	1,121
Wool, unmanufactured- carpet (MT)	4	5	9,612	10,564	1	1	1,672	1,987
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	35	34	16,967	17,340	7	6	3,338	3,178
Essential or distilled oils (MT)	7	12	65,840	72,052	2	4	13,232	12,266
Drugs - crude, natural (MT)	20	23	114,343	123,380	3	3	21,622	23,347
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	7,116,735	7,236,763	--	--	1,400,276	1,454,620
Animals and products (NA)	--	--	2,343,080	2,247,701	--	--	423,434	436,921
Animals-live, excl poultry (NO)	1,469	1,229	544,376	542,303	269	225	98,006	111,762
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,089	893	474,531	474,539	191	184	86,820	105,743
Horses and mules (NO)	5	6	29,763	37,540	1	1	2,864	2,246
Swine (NO)	365	317	39,330	29,451	77	38	8,285	3,624
Sheep (NO)	9	12	659	745	0	2	37	148
Meat & products, ex poultry (MT)	473	438	1,194,195	1,062,644	87	87	217,048	203,861
Beef and veal (MT)	318	305	777,680	751,589	61	62	148,766	148,369
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	292	275	691,966	649,871	56	55	131,139	128,543
Beef & veal, prep or pres (MT)	25	30	85,714	101,718	5	7	17,627	19,826
Pork (MT)	132	111	364,054	261,644	23	21	59,664	46,923
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	91	79	203,726	150,419	16	15	34,787	27,959
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	41	32	160,328	111,225	7	5	24,877	18,963
Mutton, goat, and lamb (MT)	10	8	18,143	16,126	2	2	3,243	2,886
Variety meats, fresh/froz (MT)	6	8	11,330	12,525	1	2	2,102	2,790
Meat & prods, prep/pres nes(MT)	7	5	18,618	14,441	1	1	2,725	2,536
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	45,468	60,176	--	--	8,183	10,611
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	6,000	6,677	--	--	691	919
Poultry meat (MT)	2	2	7,465	8,053	0	0	1,409	1,002
Eggs, whole or products (NA)	--	--	6,826	8,559	--	--	1,517	1,630
Feathers and downs - crude (MT)	5	7	25,178	36,886	1	1	4,567	7,059
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	309,242	314,855	--	--	45,060	49,597
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	6	3	4,463	2,849	1	0	1,053	403
Butter & butterfat mixtures(MT)	1	0	2,242	907	0	0	144	132
Cheese (MT)	52	56	176,960	181,218	7	7	23,390	25,971
Casein and mixtures (MT)	30	35	112,364	122,277	5	6	17,757	21,801
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	13,213	7,604	--	--	2,716	1,290
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	11	17	7,526	9,819	2	3	1,387	2,002
Hides and skins (NA)	--	--	56,741	79,035	--	--	16,704	21,080
Sheep and lamb skins (MT)	2	2	8,362	7,325	0	0	710	1,573
Other hides and skins (NA)	--	--	24,750	47,606	--	--	4,964	7,965
Furskins (NA)	--	--	23,629	24,104	--	--	11,030	11,542
Wool, unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	18	20	78,688	62,560	4	4	15,291	13,507
Sausage casings (MT)	6	6	20,499	21,265	1	1	3,712	3,720
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,010	1,517	--	--	123	481
Misc animal products nes (NA)	--	--	85,334	93,526	--	--	17,921	20,299
Grains and feeds (MT)	1,664	2,141	535,321	601,367	380	465	98,743	110,929
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	320	351	37,719	41,956	33	75	3,782	9,865
Corn, unmilled (MT)	23	244	2,525	24,259	1	40	127	4,769
Oats, unmilled (MT)	477	517	39,815	44,146	167	128	13,565	11,140
Barley, unmilled (MT)	116	203	13,861	19,657	38	50	4,343	5,108
Rice (MT)	63	67	29,948	32,134	14	11	6,595	5,040
Biscuits, wafers, cookies (MT)	67	68	157,001	164,512	10	10	22,047	21,608
Pasta and noodles (MT)	60	62	59,570	63,664	11	11	10,710	10,878
Other grains and preps (NA)	--	--	80,547	100,270	--	--	14,559	20,219
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	386	467	114,335	110,769	78	106	23,015	22,302
Fruits and preparations (MT)	767	875	478,261	567,478	250	237	144,185	152,778
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	565	625	306,360	337,366	208	184	107,936	103,301
Apples, fresh (MT)	38	43	11,651	13,950	7	6	2,296	2,276
Avocados (MT)	10	16	14,069	15,749	0	0	312	188
Berries, exc strawberries (MT)	21	24	19,061	23,012	1	2	1,937	2,672
Citrus, fresh (MT)	65	73	23,175	28,985	12	10	6,311	3,102
Grapes, fresh (MT)	131	139	97,578	100,680	65	68	44,041	45,782
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	3	1	3,616	1,377	0	0	0	44
Mangoes (MT)	2	4	2,030	3,998	1	1	579	1,046
Melons (MT)	158	169	47,536	54,313	68	40	19,761	14,112
Peaches (MT)	40	47	26,517	29,733	18	19	11,039	11,876
Pears (MT)	11	16	7,484	10,414	9	14	3,525	5,755
Pineapples, fresh or froz (MT)	41	49	16,305	17,779	8	10	2,841	3,407
Plums (MT)	18	17	11,202	10,506	9	8	5,763	5,228
Strawberries, fresh o/froz(MT)	15	11	17,391	12,166	7	3	7,606	3,357
Other fruits, fresh o/froz(MT)	13	15	8,744	14,705	3	3	1,925	4,455
Fruits - prepared or pres (MT)	202	250	171,901	230,112	42	52	36,249	49,477
Pineapples, canned or prep(MT)	115	138	73,303	92,478	25	28	16,174	19,614
Other fruits, prep or pres(MT)	87	112	98,598	137,634	18	24	20,074	29,863
Fruit juices, fresh or froz (HL)	12,014	11,724	302,848	392,040	1,991	1,766	50,573	64,294
Apple juice (HL)	4,121	3,814	88,244	145,019	585	474	14,221	20,051
Grape juice (HL)	485	385	11,276	12,760	69	82	1,747	2,800
Grapefruit juice (HL)	73	84	1,938	1,909	2	4	71	89
Lemon juice (HL)	160	141	5,077	2,988	24	51	675	1,237
Lime juice (HL)	83	64	1,488	1,843	2	4	86	161
Orange juice (HL)	5,140	5,407	138,307	162,878	972	855	22,581	28,038
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,702	1,539	40,904	40,727	304	218	8,217	6,155
Other fruit juice (HL)	249	290	15,614	23,917	32	69	2,975	5,764

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Commodity and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Nuts and preparations (MT)	81	70	221,193	195,476	11	9	29,526	25,308
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	2	7,299	4,168	1	0	1,491	839
Cashew nuts (MT)	26	22	117,833	107,375	4	3	17,854	15,208
Chestnuts, crude (MT)	3	4	8,751	10,310	0	0	14	98
Coconut meat (MT)	23	19	18,833	16,319	4	3	2,888	2,854
Filberts, hazelnuts (MT)	3	2	8,004	4,321	0	0	827	723
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	1	15,125	4,693	0	0	1,483	275
Pecans (MT)	13	10	34,254	31,392	1	1	3,070	2,648
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,157	378	0	0	242	24
Other nuts (MT)	8	10	9,936	16,520	2	1	1,659	2,639
Vegetables and preps (NA)	--	--	927,837	925,008	--	--	226,616	209,538
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	879	796	481,167	463,102	259	194	139,338	122,682
Tomatoes (MT)	157	104	78,940	55,599	66	25	33,082	19,253
Asparagus, fresh or froz (MT)	14	15	19,754	21,803	7	7	9,791	10,925
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	10	9	9,183	9,503	3	2	2,125	2,399
Cabbage (MT)	9	14	2,153	3,386	1	2	102	477
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	33	45	9,850	12,363	6	8	2,165	2,402
Cauliflower & broccoli (MT)	76	94	48,038	62,713	18	22	10,865	13,569
Celery, fresh (MT)	7	4	2,188	1,030	4	2	1,460	525
Cucumbers, fresh (MT)	121	110	49,275	40,116	37	29	16,385	11,395
Eggplant, fresh (MT)	12	11	7,103	7,280	4	3	2,548	1,767
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	2	2,434	3,636	0	0	527	1,011
Garlic, fresh (MT)	4	2	4,372	2,109	1	1	2,054	1,316
Lettuce (MT)	8	5	3,754	2,723	2	1	1,305	592
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	4	3	2,094	1,794	1	1	522	320
Onions, fresh (MT)	59	73	45,408	42,730	21	20	8,385	9,151
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	18	17	19,357	15,574	4	4	6,416	4,847
Peppers, fresh (MT)	71	66	57,069	62,916	24	19	14,676	16,445
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	144	76	34,886	24,962	27	13	5,898	4,369
Radishes, fresh (MT)	7	8	4,032	4,011	2	2	1,047	809
Squash, fresh (MT)	50	55	30,073	31,152	15	16	9,072	9,028
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	74	83	51,203	57,703	17	18	10,914	12,081
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	446,670	461,905	--	--	87,278	86,856
Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT)	13	20	12,389	20,127	2	1	1,686	1,391
Bean cake, miso (MT)	3	3	5,091	5,497	1	1	1,089	1,138
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	3	4	2,782	2,919	0	1	254	412
Garlic, dried (MT)	3	1	4,381	1,522	1	0	713	234
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	30	27	60,696	54,660	4	5	8,865	11,037
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	19	22	46,686	53,085	4	4	10,715	9,799
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	1	9,291	7,787	0	0	2,403	1,741
Onions, preserved (MT)	3	1	2,692	1,474	1	0	691	420
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	22,401	21,889	3	2	10,133	8,175
Artichokes - prep (MT)	9	6	15,439	8,978	0	1	753	1,019
Asparagus - prep (MT)	0	1	568	1,040	0	0	154	149
Tomatoes, paste, & sauce (MT)	37	24	29,744	21,217	5	5	3,382	4,712
Waterchestnuts (MT)	13	13	10,126	9,734	3	2	2,519	1,539
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	21	18	12,245	11,596	4	3	2,419	2,159
Mustard, prepared (MT)	3	3	4,065	4,536	1	1	733	677
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	6	5	8,707	7,464	0	1	522	1,180
Soy sauce (MT)	11	12	8,800	10,087	2	2	1,254	2,132
Starches, ex wheat & corn (MT)	20	26	8,484	10,182	4	6	1,556	2,285
Soups and sauces (MT)	21	22	43,318	45,016	4	4	7,146	8,150
Vinegar (HL)	45	55	6,139	7,576	7	10	673	1,127
Yeasts (MT)	10	11	13,187	13,309	2	2	2,393	2,582
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	119,438	142,213	--	--	27,224	24,798
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	444,199	383,683	--	--	73,392	90,227
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	676	491	282,083	194,278	109	140	43,926	51,237
Molasses (HL)	3,921	3,578	36,933	30,852	722	1,019	7,502	8,845
Confectionery products (MT)	39	47	77,233	99,336	6	9	12,484	17,823
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	113	127	47,951	59,216	22	28	9,479	12,321
Spices (MT)	6	8	9,622	17,683	1	2	2,347	3,451
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	77	90	246,579	305,337	21	22	67,989	79,877
Tobacco - filler (MT)	69	80	239,043	294,760	19	21	65,253	78,333
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	8	10	3,483	4,928	2	2	1,195	699
Other unmfng tobacco (MT)	0	1	4,052	5,648	0	0	1,541	845
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	5,141	4,983	803,456	765,213	818	836	118,031	112,471
Wine (HL)	1,098	1,024	441,584	420,781	142	128	53,779	50,912
Malt beverages, beer (HL)	3,720	3,416	337,332	304,451	631	632	60,602	55,809
Other beverages (HL)	323	542	24,540	39,981	46	76	3,650	5,750
Oilseeds and products (MT)	866	930	398,891	421,066	178	174	80,699	79,769
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	193	157	64,676	52,064	34	34	11,545	10,705
Flaxseed (MT)	84	42	19,188	6,322	16	16	3,484	2,214
Mustard seeds (MT)	25	18	8,016	5,311	6	4	1,853	1,082
Rapeseed (MT)	17	0	3,700	136	0	0	42	12
Sesameseed (MT)	15	17	18,141	20,302	3	4	3,512	4,254
Soybeans (MT)	29	47	6,966	9,906	5	4	1,185	968
Sunflower seeds (MT)	17	26	4,771	5,641	4	5	913	1,178
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	5	7	3,894	4,448	1	2	557	997
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	535	487	314,581	331,567	118	91	65,568	62,619
Castor oil (MT)	15	18	13,718	12,624	5	6	4,207	3,713
Coconut oil (MT)	200	140	59,984	62,563	49	17	13,967	9,357
Cottonseed oil (MT)	2	0	737	37	0	0	40	0
Olive oil (MT)	43	40	93,737	94,445	8	7	17,083	16,576
Palm oil (MT)	64	41	18,888	13,814	8	9	2,849	2,684
Palm kernel oil (MT)	64	63	23,114	27,634	15	19	4,647	9,717
Peanut oil (MT)	2	0	1,522	221	2	0	1,395	43
Rapeseed oil (MT)	104	144	53,633	67,654	23	24	11,391	11,228
Soybean oil (MT)	6	0	2,585	26	0	0	0	4
Sesame oil (MT)	2	3	6,073	7,623	0	0	1,014	1,144
Other vegetable oils (MT)	33	38	40,590	44,925	7	8	8,974	8,153

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Commodity and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Oilcake & meal (MT)	139	286	19,633	37,435	26	49	3,585	6,445
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	126	443	0	0	0	14
Cotton linters (MT)	5	4	5,158	4,120	1	1	618	514
Seeds, field and garden (MT)	62	60	68,487	74,653	24	19	15,885	14,390
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	143,456	145,469	--	--	38,125	43,143
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	108,385	116,795	--	--	14,916	18,247
Other vegetable products (MT)	20	14	79,838	73,231	3	2	15,194	12,746
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	4,205,294	3,984,621	--	--	795,626	793,501
Fertilizers (MT)	7,623	8,087	681,905	604,212	1,356	1,485	121,189	111,358
Potassium (MT)	3,105	3,614	240,525	232,477	524	562	41,305	47,246
Nitrogen (MT)	2,350	2,194	286,828	252,167	376	367	48,120	37,800
Phosphate (MT)	2,162	2,278	153,447	118,990	455	555	31,534	26,124
Fish and shellfish (MT)	543	538	2,200,574	2,174,660	103	90	390,607	380,495
Fish, fresh or prepared (MT)	380	367	1,104,122	1,003,097	67	60	199,204	162,971
Shellfish (MT)	136	151	1,078,049	1,152,883	23	29	186,611	215,382
Fish products, other (MT)	27	19	18,404	18,680	12	2	4,791	2,142
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	36	40	214,847	260,896	10	11	68,212	81,462
Fungicides (MT)	9	8	23,646	27,283	2	2	5,554	6,661
Herbicides (MT)	10	14	68,016	86,387	3	3	26,075	21,942
Insecticides (MT)	1	2	12,490	17,830	0	1	3,780	4,668
Other pesticides (MT)	16	16	110,695	129,396	5	6	32,804	48,191
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,067,658	827,167	--	--	206,753	198,377
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	632	624	564,374	407,267	98	77	107,849	99,919
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	503,284	419,901	--	--	98,904	98,458
Tobacco - manufactures (NA)	--	--	40,310	117,685	--	--	8,864	21,810

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Dec	Jan	Feb	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,902	3,668	3,859	18,854	14.5
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,153	2,238	2,080	10,411	3.0
Imports (Customs val.)	1,948	2,051	1,938	9,753	3.4
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,749	1,430	1,778	8,443	32.8
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,954	1,618	1,921	9,100	29.5
Preliminary data.					

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Dec	Jan	Feb	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,902	3,668	3,859	18,854	14.5
Live animals	93	57	47	361	14.7
Meat & preps	331	325	342	1,695	14.3
Dairy prod & eggs	82	47	70	295	99.7
Animal fats	39	45	29	193	24.8
Hides & skins	102	126	114	540	-16.9
Wheat	357	428	397	1,942	75.6
Rice	75	43	47	327	-7.1
Corn	363	284	390	1,850	-9.2
Other feed grains	103	123	129	504	41.7
Animal feeds	295	330	313	1,543	21.4
Soybeans	572	442	548	2,417	41.6
Vegetable oils	72	80	98	385	41.4
Horticult. prods.	710	634	684	3,579	14.3
Cotton & linters	270	291	241	1,097	-22.7
Tobacco, unmg.	156	125	122	622	-10.5

Preliminary data.

Table 4--U.S. Share of World Trade in High-value Products

Year	Export Value	Import Value
	Percent	Percent
1978	9.1	10.6
1979	8.9	10.0
1980	9.4	8.8
1981	10.2	8.8
1982	9.5	9.2
1983	9.5	10.4
1984	9.1	11.9
1985	8.7	12.4
1986	8.4	11.6
1987	8.4	10.3
1988	9.2	9.4
1989	9.3	9.1
1990	9.8	8.9

Derived from Food and Agriculture Organization data

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Dec	Jan	Feb	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,948	2,051	1,938	9,753	3.4
Live animals	108	98	113	549	-0.3
Meat & preps.	192	243	205	1,071	-10.9
Dairy prod, eggs	79	48	51	323	2.3
Grains & feeds	116	105	111	601	12.3
Fruits & nuts	327	310	297	1,365	9.9
Vegetables	199	212	210	925	-0.3
Vegetable oils	66	66	63	332	5.4
Wine	74	53	51	421	-4.7
Malt beverages	62	53	56	304	-9.7
Coffee	190	204	173	846	0.8
Cocoa	109	128	95	546	26.0
Rubber, natural	57	63	60	303	9.1
Sugar-cane & beet	52	55	51	194	-31.1
Tobacco, unmg.	30	63	80	305	23.8
Seeds, flowers	61	66	76	337	5.2

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